

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Park Row Historic District Inventory Number: WO-185  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no  
City: Snow Hill Zip Code: 21863 County: Worcester  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Snow Hill  
Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: 200  
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust  
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust  
Preparer's Name: Scott Whipple Date Prepared: 6/18/2004  
Documentation is presented in: WO-185 and WO-111  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staf ☒ yes ☐ no Name: Scott Whipple Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Significance: The Park Row Historic District in Snow Hill, Worcester County, is small neighborhood comprised of excellent representative examples of residential architecture typical of the middle-class in small communities between the last quarter of the 19th century and the pre-World War II period, and a late 18th century manor house. The neighborhood was subdivided from a 250-acre tract of land, outside the original limits of the town of Snow Hill, patented on September 5, 1676 to Ellis Coleman. Coleman sold the land to William Robertson, whose family retained ownership through much of the 18th century. In 1800, the land was resurvey as "Snow Hill Confirmation." After a dispute among the heirs of the Reverend David Ball over the land's disposal upon Ball's death in 1813, property was transferred to Lemuel P. Spence who owned it until his death, ca. 1840. William U. Purnell purchased the property in 1840, and it passed through several of his descendants until 1920, when it was sold to the Timmons family. Over this period, the land was subdivided, with eight parcels nearest to town developed as a small, residential neighborhood within the expanding bounds of Snow Hill. Other portions were subdivided over a period of years as part of other developments, including the adjacent Burroughs Farm subdivision of 1920.

The ca. 1780s two-story, three-bay frame house known as Salem sits on a knoll at the head of the Park Row historic district on the eastern edge of Snow Hill, Worcester County. Park Row is an extension of Market Street where MD route 394 (Market

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**MHT Comments:**

Scott Whipple  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter Kurtze  
Reviewer, National Register Program

Friday, June 18, 2004  
Date

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Street/Worcester Highway) and Bay Street intersect. Included in the Park Row Historic District are eight residences and one church. Salem's parcel has been reduced to less than an acre through numerous subdivisions.

**Description:**

Salem (WO-111) is a two-story, three-bay frame house constructed during the late 18th century and extensively reworked and enlarged during the early to mid-19th century. The house sits on a Flemish bond brick foundation. The house has a central entrance and flanking 9/6 sash windows. Stretching across the length of the principal elevation is a double storied porch. A large, two-story, three-bay mid-19th century service wing covers much of the rear (northeast) elevation. Salem, the name given the 250 acre tract from which the Park Row neighborhood was subdivided, sits at the eastern terminus of Park Row. Burroughs Street, named after the family who owned the property in the first decades of the 20th century when much of its subdivision took place, provides vehicular access north from Park Row to route 394.

Seven dwellings and one church have been erected on Park Row, adjacent to Salem.

The one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling at 302 Park Row is the most expressive of the Park Row subdivision. The main mass of the house is formed by nearly equally-sized cross-gables. Secondary cross-gables, a turreted tower, and other flares are drawn from the vocabulary of the Queen Anne style. A large porch, wrapping most of three sides of the first floor, is integrated into the overall composition of the house by the flared ends of the roofline.

The two-story frame dwellings at 301, 305, 307, 309 Park Row date to the last quarter of the 19th century or turn of the 20th. Each draws stylistically and in its program from typical vernacular forms and expression of the period: single pile, gable front and wing or cross gables, two over two double-hung sash, and porches.

Two two-story, three-bay frame structures sit next to each other at 304 and 306 Park Road. These side passage dwellings, the last to be constructed on Park Row, date to ca. 1938 and are of a form and expression typical of that found in small town, middle-class neighborhoods of the period.

The Snow Hill Christian Church (WO-419; no documentation on file) is situated with its gable end facing the intersection of Market Street, Bay Street, and Park Row. The simple frame church draws from the ecclesiastical gothic vocabulary and is clad with clapboard. Access is provided through double doors in a small, gable end entry foyer in the gable end of the church. A double-hung, arched window flanks each side of the entry foyer. A divided arched window, mirroring the flanking windows, is situated above the doors. A projecting cross-gable, with three arched, double-hung windows, divides the secondary elevations. A large arched, double-hung window flanks each side of the cross-gable. A small addition on the rear elevation extends the mass of the church.

The Park Row Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a significant expression of residential architecture typical of the middle-class in small communities between the last quarter of the 19th century and the pre-World War II period.

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## Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

District Name: Park Row Historic District (Snow Hill)

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| Address         | Contributing Resource? | Map  | Parcel | Block | Lot | Inventory No. |
|-----------------|------------------------|------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|
|                 | Contributing           | 0200 | 0927   |       |     | WO-419        |
| 301 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0937   |       |     |               |
| 302 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0928   |       |     |               |
| 304 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0929   |       |     |               |
| 305 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0935   |       |     |               |
| 306 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0930   |       |     |               |
| 307 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0934   |       |     |               |
| 309 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0933   |       |     |               |
| 310 PARK ROW ST | Contributing           | 0200 | 0931   |       |     | WO-111        |

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WO-185

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Park Row Historic District

## 2. Location

street and number Multiple addresses, Park Row not for publication

city, town Snow Hill vicinity

county Worcester

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Ownership

street and number telephone

city, town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber Multiple deeds folio

city, town Snow Hill tax map 200 tax parcel tax ID number

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☒ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

| Category                                     | Ownership                                   | Current Function                             | Resource Count  |                 |
|--|---|--|---|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture         | Contributing  | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade      | 9   | buildings       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure           | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense             |   | sites           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic |   | structures      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education           |   | objects         |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary            | 9   | Total           |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government          |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care         |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry            |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape           |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture  |   |                 |
|  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social              |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown             |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use   |   |                 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |   |                 |
|  |   |  | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |                 |
|  |   |  | 1   |                 |

## 7. Description

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### Condition

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Park Row Historic District consists of Salem, an extensively reworked late 18<sup>th</sup> century dwelling, seven dwellings from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and the Snow Hill Christian Church. This small, cohesive neighborhood is located east of the commercial center of Snow Hill, bordering both the Snow Hill Historic District and the Snow Hill East Residential Historic District.

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Seven dwellings and one church, along with Salem, have been erected on Park Row. The one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling at 302 Park Row is the most expressive of the Park Row subdivision. The main mass of the house is formed by nearly equally-sized cross-gables. Secondary cross-gables, a turreted tower, and other flares are drawn from the vocabulary of the Queen Anne style. A large porch, wrapping most of three sides of the first floor, is integrated into the overall composition of the house by the flared ends of the roofline. The two-story frame dwellings at 301, 305, 307, 309 Park Row date to the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century or turn of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Each draws stylistically and in their program from typical vernacular forms and expression of the period: single pile, gable front and wing or cross gables, two over two double-hung sash, and porches.

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## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics       | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education       | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering     | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/  | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation      | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/    | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history       | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> settlement      | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____        |

**Specific dates** c.1780-1938

**Architect/Builder** Various

**Construction dates** Various

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Snow Hill, the county seat of Worcester County, is located at the intersection of Maryland routes 12 and 113 on the southeastern side of the Pocomoke River in the geographic center of the county. The town, surrounded by productive agricultural land, has historically been an important center for the shipment and processing of local produce and emerged as a base of light industry and food processing in the 19th century. The Park Row includes the dwellings constructed for Snow Hill residents at the close of this period and through the first decades of the 20th century, as well as a church constructed to serve the growing community that resulted from Snow Hill's prosperity over this period. With the exception of Salem, whose construction preceded the arrival of the railroad, Park Row's development is directly tied to the arrival of rail service in Snow Hill. Not only did the railroad lead to Snow Hill's boom, but it also facilitated the development of the Park Row Historic District. As is true elsewhere in Snow Hill, many of the houses within the district have railroad-delivered, mass-produced architectural components, such as doors, windows, mantels, stair parts and the like. Houses of the district were constructed in a variety of styles influenced by builder's trade publications and style books.

The Park Row Historic District is a significant expression of residential architecture typical of the middle-class in small communities between the last quarter of the 19th century and the pre-World War II period. Also represented within the district is a fine 18th century farm house, known as Salem, erected on a 250-acre tract of land patented on September 5, 1676 to Ellis Coleman. At the time, the land sat beyond the corporate bounds of Snow Hill. Coleman sold the land to William Robertson, whose family retained ownership through much of the 18th century. Over the next century, the land's title came under some dispute and the land passed through a number of owners. In 1800, the land was resurveyed as "Snow Hill Confirmation." Reverend David Ball owned the land until his death in 1813, at which time a dispute among his heirs led to the land's transfer to Lemuel P. Spence, who owned the property until his death, circa 1840. William U. Purnell purchased the property at that time, and the land passed through several of his descendants until 1920 when it was sold to the Timmons family. Over this period, portions of the land were subdivided, with the eight parcels nearest to town developed over a period of years as a small, residential neighborhood within the expanding bounds of Snow Hill. Other portions of the property were also subdivided over a period of years as part of other developments, including the adjacent Burroughs Farm subdivision of 1920. The original parcel on which Salem sits has been reduced to less than an acre through these numerous subdivisions.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Snow Hill

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Park Row is an extension of Market Street beginning where MD 394 (Market Street/Worcester Highway) intersects Bay Street. The historic district includes all the parcels on both the north and south side of Park Row from its beginning at Bay Street and includes the property known as Salem at Park Row's terminous. MD 394 forms the north boundary, Burroughs Street forms the eastern boundary from MD 394 to the parcels currently associated with Salem, which continue the eastern and southern boundary of the district. The southern boundary then follows the rear property lines of the parcels on the south side of Park Row. Bay and MD 394 form the western boundary.

## 11. Form Prepared by

|                 |  |           |               |
|-----------------|--|-----------|---------------|
| name/title      | Scott D. Whipple, Administrator of Local Preservation Programs |           |               |
| organization    | Maryland Historical Trust                                      | date      | June 30, 2004 |
| street & number | 100 Community Place  | telephone | 410-514-7600  |
| city or town    | Crownsville  | state     | MD            |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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This topographic map of Snow Hill, Maryland, depicts the town's layout and surrounding landscape. Key features include:

- Topography:** Contour lines indicate elevation, with labels for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 feet.
- Water Features:** A 'Ditch' is shown in the upper left, and 'Sandpits' are located in the upper right.
- Landmarks and Buildings:**
  - Christian Cem:** Located in the upper right.
  - Byrd Park:** Situated in the lower left.
  - Sewage Disposal:** Located near the bottom left.
  - Mt Zion Cem:** Located near the bottom left.
  - Radio Tower:** Located in the center-right.
  - High Sch:** Located in the center-right.
  - Snow Hill (BM 21):** The main town area, with a benchmark (BM 10) marked.
- Infrastructure:**
  - Roads:** Labeled roads include 'Brick Kiln' (bottom right), 'Penn Central' (top right), and 'Ditch' (top left).
  - Highways:** Routes 113 and 365 are indicated.
  - Other:** A 'Ditch' is also labeled near the top left.





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302 Park Row

Park Row Historic District

Worcester County, MD

Scott Whipple

6/2/2004

MD SHPO

Facing South

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310 Park Row (Salem)

Park Row Historic District

Worcester County, MD

Scott Whipple

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MD SHPO

Facing East

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307-309 Park Row

Park Row Historic District

Worcester County, MD

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MD SHPO

Facing North

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Christian Church, 300 Park Row

Park Row Historic District, Snow Hill

Worcester County, MD

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MD SHPO

SE Corner of Park Row & Bay Street

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